

TRIBUTE TO THE ROSEMARY  
GARFOOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2006*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend congratulations to the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library in Cross Plains, Wisconsin, on the grand opening of its brand new facility. For nearly 40 years the library has been an impressive tribute to the people of Cross Plains.

The public library serves as the cornerstone of democracy, fostering intellectual freedom and making available to all citizens an extensive information network. In a local setting, citizens have access to global resources of information. The public library is critically important in improving the community by providing access to higher learning. It is certainly a requirement for a cultivated democratic society.

The public library allows citizens to perform the civic duties placed upon them in our democratic nation. It not only provides free access to worldwide information, but is a place where residents can obtain information about their community. It also serves as a place where Internet access, tax forms, and voter registration forms are provided. The role of the public library is essential in supporting a democratic state. The Rosemary Garfoot Public Library has gone beyond its civic duty in providing these services for the public.

To provide the public with a new library facility, the people of Cross Plains were committed to this important project since 2002. I am proud to recognize the efforts of a community that created a dream and followed through to success. I join the residents of Cross Plains in celebrating the grand opening of the newly expanded and renovated Rosemary Garfoot Public Library and wish them the best for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2006*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I regret that, due to my attendance at the swearing in ceremony of New Jersey Commissioner of Labor David Socolow, I missed three votes on July 24, 2006. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on S. 1496 (Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2005), "yea" on S. 203 (National Heritage Areas Act of 2005) and "yea" on H.R. 5534 (To establish a grant program whereby moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program are used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels).

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND  
DR. LEROY JOHNSON, PASTOR,  
MISSIONARY TEMPLE C.M.E.  
CHURCH

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2006*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize City of Fairfield resident Dr. (Colonel) Leroy Johnson, Pastor, for his dedication and commitment to his church and community.

Dr. Johnson, who was licensed to preach in 1952, has served the Missionary Temple C.M.E. Church since 1989. Prior to joining the C.M.E. Church, Dr. Johnson was president of Miles College, which has a proud history of producing teachers, preachers, community leaders and politicians, in Birmingham, AL.

In 1963, Dr. Johnson entered the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps where he held various assignments which included pastoring the largest Protestant military/civilian congregation in Western Europe.

During his pastorate in Kaiserslautern, West Germany, the gospel singers and services that exist on all American military posts, bases, stations, and ships today were created.

He was the first African American to receive a line officer's commission under the Navy Reserve Officer Candidate Program and had the distinction of being a member of the Navy's first atomic bomb testing team in the South Pacific Marshall Islands.

After serving in the U.S. Army and Navy during a career that included world conflicts such as the Korean War and Vietnam, Dr. Johnson retired with the rank of Colonel.

Included amongst his 25 military awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Navy Unit Citation.

Dr. Johnson holds a Ph.D. from Kansas State University and has attained three masters degrees from Chapman University.

As the officers and members of Missionary Temple C.M.E. Church pay tribute to Dr. Johnson during the "This is your Life" Celebration, I wish Dr. Johnson, his wife, Simmie Mae, and daughter, Leana, many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PRIVATE  
FIRST CLASS JUSTIN RAY DAVIS

**HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2006*

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express the heartfelt condolences of a grateful nation and to honor the life of PFC Justin Ray Davis of Gaithersburg, MD. PFC Justin Davis was killed on June 25 near the village of Kandalay, located in the Kunar Province in Afghanistan, from wounds sustained during combat operations as part of Operation Mountain Thrust. PFC Justin Davis, 19, was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army. A native of Gaithersburg, MD, Private First Class Davis entered the Army in June 2005 and trained at Fort Benning, GA, to be

an infantryman. His strong patriotism and desire to defend our freedoms led him to join the military immediately after graduating from Magruder High School in May, 2005, where he was active in the Junior ROTC and a starter on the varsity football team. Private First Class Davis was a loving son and leaves behind his mother, Paula Davis, and father, Dennis Johnson. May God bless them and comfort them during this very difficult time.

We owe this brave soldier and his family a tremendous debt of gratitude for his selfless service and sacrifice. Our country could not maintain its freedom and security without heroes like Private First Class Davis. He made the ultimate sacrifice. Americans, as well as Afghans, owe their liberty to Private First Class Davis and his fallen comrades. Private First Class Davis was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his actions in Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, for his heroism and service to his country, please join me in honoring the life of PFC Justin Ray Davis.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2006*

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, on July 24, 2006, I was unavoidably detained due to inclement weather prohibiting my travel.

On rollcall vote Nos. 394, 395, and 396, if present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING DR. NORMA  
BAGNALL

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dr. Norma Bagnall of Saint Joseph, MO. Dr. Bagnall retired from teaching in 1996, she has served the community ever since and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Bagnall came to Missouri after obtaining a bachelors, masters, and doctorate degree from Texas A&M University. She joined the staff of Missouri Western State University in Saint Joseph, MO, in the early 1980's as an assistant professor of English and later gained a full professorship. She retired from Missouri Western in 1996 and began a long list of service to the community.

Norma has been a champion of literacy in the community. She has led the Runcie Club book study group for the past 6 years, and established the Hayes Bagnall Literacy Scholarship at Missouri Western and the Writer's Workshop at the Joyce Raye Patterson Senior Center. Then, during the summer of 2005, she developed a community class to teach conversational Spanish. That program became so successful that it had to be adopted by Inter-Serv, in order to accommodate the 110 students and additional 115 people on a waiting list.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Norma Bagnall. In nearly three decades in northwest Missouri, Norma has come to be one of the most outstanding members of our community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

THE MOSES AND AARON  
FOUNDATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2006*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a worthy organization, one committed to special children and their families. The Moses and Aaron Foundation's significant and enduring efforts under the direction of the president, Rabbi Yaacov Kaploun, and executive vice president, Yehuda Kaploun, deserve the highest praise, as do the philanthropists who have given of themselves to fulfill its mission.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation Special Fund for Children is an all volunteer organization and is dedicated to assisting children with disabilities and their families with a wide range of programs including social, physical, and financial, as well as counseling and guidance.

It also provides scholarship funding to educational institutions, collects, purchases, and distributes clothing for children in need and remembers them with presents at holiday time or when hospitalized.

In cooperation with Bally Total Fitness Centers, the Moses and Aaron Foundation has been able to establish physical fitness and therapy centers. The foundation has arranged for sound and musical equipment in other institutions as well to help improve the conditions of disabled children.

On Saturday night, August 5, 2006, at the Sullivan County Community College in Loch Sheldrake, NY, the Moses and Aaron Foundation will sponsor its 10th Summer "Chazak—Strength" concert honoring and paying tribute to special and outstanding children. This concert is presented under the honorary chairmanship of Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel and is produced by STB Jewish Music Productions. The guests of honor will be the special and outstanding children, many of whom will perform with the entertainers on stage. More than 40 organizations and schools serving the needs of physically and mentally disabled children will be represented at this event.

The Chazak Concert and the Moses and Aaron Foundation's other programs demonstrate the caring and compassionate concern for the quality and dignity of life of others and merit the appreciation of all those who have benefited from its services.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation was founded in memory of Rabbi Dr. Maurice I. Hecht and Aaron Kaploun, both of whom led lives of exemplary community service. It is in this sentiment of communal dedication that the Moses and Aaron Foundation has devoted itself to serving the needs of a unique group in the community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Moses and Aaron Foundation, an organization which exemplifies the generosity of spirit in American society.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
THE VIRGINIA MARTI COLLEGE  
OF ART AND DESIGN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of the Virginia Marti College of Art and Design as they celebrate 40 years of devotion to artistic exploration and advanced academics.

Located in the cultural hub of Lakewood, Ohio, the Virginia Marti College was founded in 1966 by visionary Virginia Marti Veith to stimulate innovation in the field of art and design. The culturally diverse campus engages students on an individual level to develop their unique talents and creativity, making Virginia Marti an inspirational learning environment. For 40 years students from around the world have met the rigorous academic challenges of Virginia Marti College with determined passion and graduated on to successful careers, creating vibrant ripples throughout the fashion world.

In the early 1990s, inspired by a trip she made with her husband Herb to Africa, Virginia Veith founded Mission to the Fatherless, a nonprofit operating in Kenya to provide orphaned children with food, healthcare, education, and a loving home. The organization is supported by proceeds from Virginia Marti Designer Fabrics store, located on the college campus. Due to the devastation of diseases like HIV/AIDS, more than a million children are orphaned in Kenya alone, a number that grows from day to day. Mission to the Fatherless is dedicated not only to providing children with basic needs but nourishing their spiritual and moral development to inspire principled civic engagement. All of the proceeds from Virginia Marti College's 40th anniversary black-tie celebration will go directly to Mission to the Fatherless, with the hopes of building a third orphanage in Kenya.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Virginia Marti College of Art and Design as it celebrates 40 years of excellence in design with a noble fundraiser for Mission to the Fatherless, rescuing children from a life of poverty, starvation, and violence.

PROVIDING GRANTS TO EXPAND  
INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY  
TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY OF  
ALTERNATIVE FUELS

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 24, 2006*

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, today I rise in strong support of H.R. 5534, the E85 Kick-Start Bill. I am a proud co-sponsor of this bill and I applaud my good friend and colleague, Congressman MIKE ROGERS, for bringing this bill to the floor and helping the U.S. in the fight for energy independence.

High energy prices are a significant threat to our long-term economic well-being and we need to aggressively pursue a goal of energy

independence for our Nation. This independence can only be achieved through greater domestic production of energy conservation and the use of alternative energy sources. Unfortunately, there are no quick fixes to the energy crisis that is before our country. It will take years to build new refineries and mass transit systems. But right now, there are 6 million vehicles on the road that can use E85, an alternative blend of fuel using 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. What we are missing is a distribution network to make this gasoline alternative feasible and this legislation seeks to double that network, which is critical to expanding the use of alternative fuels.

Earlier in the year, I introduced the E85 Investment Act, which would increase the tax credit from 30 percent to 75 percent, up to \$30,000, for E85 tanks and pumps.

This legislation embraces the goal of increasing alternative fuel infrastructure. Specifically, this bill creates a federal "Fuel Economy Fund" by diverting the corporate average fuel efficiency (CAFE) penalties currently paid by automakers from the general treasury to the "Fuel Economy Fund." The legislation also calls for up to a \$30,000 grant to station owners who invest in alternative fuel pumps and fuel stations, including E85 infrastructure.

I want to thank MIKE ROGERS for being a leader in this effort to help bring energy independence to our Nation. This legislation will help our Nation truly invest in alternative fuels and give consumers a choice when they go to the pump. I look forward to continuing to work with you to identify other ways we can help strengthen our Nation's economy.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of the underlying bill.

RECOGNIZING CUTLER DAWSON,  
NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEM-  
BER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF FEDERAL CREDIT  
UNIONS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2006*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cutler Dawson, a constituent of mine, on his recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). Mr. Dawson is the president and CEO of Navy Federal Credit Union, located in Merrifield, Virginia.

Mr. Dawson only recently took over at Navy Federal Credit Union after a 35-year career in the Navy, retiring as Vice Admiral. Mr. Dawson held numerous commands, including service as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations and Chief of Legislative Affairs. While on active duty, Mr. Dawson also served as a Navy Federal volunteer official on the Supervisory and Credit Committees, and as a board director. Mr. Dawson has been very active since taking over at Navy Federal Credit Union, testifying before Congress twice and joining the Board of the Consumer Federation of America.

Mr. Dawson and Navy Federal Credit Union are working hard to ensure that the Nation's sailors have access to high quality, low cost financial services wherever they may be deployed. Such service is the hallmark of the